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(*b*) If a loan of Rs. 10 lakhs is granted to the Corporation every year by the Government for taking up schemes in the district, the Corporation expects to complete the rural electrification in about 16 years.

*Educational concession*

* 2327 *Q.*—SRI N. MARUDACHALAM : கனம் நி அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

ரூபாய் 1,200 வருட வருமானம் மட்டும் உள்ள பெற்றோர்களின் குழந்தைகளுக்கு சர்க்கார் அளித்துள்ள பள்ளிக்கூட சம்பள சலுகை ரூ. 2,000-ஆக உயர்த்தும்படி கோவை நகரசபை தீர்மானமொன்று (நெ. 341, 1960-ம் வருஷம் நவம்பர் மாதம் 22-ம் தேதி) சர்க்காருக்கு கிடைத்துள்ளதா? அதை ஏற்றுக்கொள்ள சர்க்காருக்கு உத்தேசமுண்டா?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The resolution of the Municipal Council, Coimbatore, has been received by Government. There is no proposal to accept it at present.

SRI N. MARUDHACHALAM : கோவையில் நடந்த ஹரிஜன லீகில் கூட 2,000 ரூபாய்க்கு கீழ் வருமானம் உள்ளவர்களுககும் இந்த சலுகை கொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்று தீர்மானம் நிறைவேற்றி அனுப்பப்பட்டதா? அதன்மேல் எடுக்கப்பட்ட நடவடிக்கைகள் என்ன?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : ரூ. 1,200 என்பதை இன்னும் அதிகப்படுத்த வேண்டுமென்பதில் கருத்து வேறுபாடு கிடையாது. எப்பொழுது உயர்த்துவது என்பதைப் பற்றித்தான் இப்பொழுதுள்ள பிரச்னை. படிப்படியாக அது உயர்த்தப்படுமென்று நான் எதிர்பார்க்கிறேன்.

*Last Grade Government Servants (Retrenchment)*

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As the hon. Member who gave notice of question No. 2328 is not in his seat, the question and answer will be printed in the Proceedings.

* 2328 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of peons retrenched due to the implementation of the recommendation of the Madras Pay Commission ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have any proposal to provide them any alternative appointment?

THE HON SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) 275.

(*b*) The Employment Exchanges have been instructed to show these retrenched persons the topmost preference, in respect of future vacancies.

*Power-looms (Paramakudi)*

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As the hon. Member who gave notice of question No. 2329 is not in his seat, the question and answer will be printed in the Proceedings.

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* 2329 *Q.*—SRI K. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any application for licences to instal power-looms at Paramakudi in Ramanathapuram district have been received; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken on them?

THE HON. SRI R VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) & (*b*) Ten applications were received from Paramakudi taluk for permission to instal powerlooms. The policy of the Government is not to permit the installation of new powerlooms in order to protect the handloom industry. However, under an All-India experimental scheme it was proposed to introduce 2,500 power-looms in the handloom sector on decentralised basis during the Third Five-Year Plan and the State Government decided to introduce these looms in the weavers Co-operatives up to a certain percentage of handlooms on application. The District Revenue Officer, Ramanathapuram was therefore instructed to advise the applicants from Paramakudi to organise themselves into a Co-operative Society and apply for allotment of looms under this scheme. The Government of India have meanwhile decided not to implement the scheme of installation of new powerlooms except in cases where the State Governments have already made irrevocable commitments. The decision of the Government of India is being examined by the State Government.

*Tobacco Cultivation (Kanyakumari district)*

* 2330 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the area of cultivation of tobacco in Kanyakumari district for the last two years;

(*b*) the variety and quantity of tobacco produced: and

(*c*) the nature of help given by the Government to tobacco cultivators?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :

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| (*a*) | 1959–60 ... ... ... ... ... | 205·74 |
| | 1960–61 ... ... ... ... ... | 95·11 |

(*b*) Chewing variety of "Jaffna type" Quantity produced during 1959–60—4,00,000 lbs. Figures for 1960–61 are not available.

(*c*) Government disseminate knowledge to tobacco growers by propaganda and conduct demonstrations in the scientific methods of cultivation, harvesting, curing, processing, handling, grading, storage and disposal.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know whether any trained personnel are there to disseminate this knowledge?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir. There are experts who initiate this propaganda among the ryots.